

**Title: Gods In The Toilet - Joshua 3 1-8**

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**Read:**

<sup>1-4</sup> Joshua was up early and on his way from Shittim with all the People of Israel with him. He arrived at the Jordan and camped before crossing over. After three days, leaders went through the camp and gave out orders to the people: "When you see the Covenant-Chest of GOD, your God, carried by the Levitical priests, start moving. Follow it. Make sure you keep a proper distance between you and it, about half a mile—be sure now to keep your distance!—and you'll see clearly the route to take. You've never been on this road before." <sup>5</sup> Then Joshua addressed the people: "Sanctify yourselves. Tomorrow GOD will work miracle-wonders among you." <sup>6</sup> Joshua instructed the priests, "Take up the Chest of the Covenant and step out before the people." So they took it up and processed before the people. <sup>7-8</sup> God said to Joshua, "This very day I will begin to make you great in the eyes of all Israel. They'll see for themselves that I'm with you in the same way that I was with Moses. You will command the priests who are carrying the Chest of the Covenant: 'When you come to the edge of the Jordan's waters, stand there on the river bank.'"

**Think:**

Joshua's people knew that God was with them, his spirit was in the Covenant-Chest. Sometimes people call that the Ark, not Noah's ark, not even Evan Almighty's ark. Think of it like a massive Jewelry box that held the most precious possession on this earth. So much so that people were afraid to touch it. Anyway, the long and the short of it is that they knew God was with them in a very real sense. How do we know that God is with us at School? How can we be sure that he is even with us in the canteen at college? I mean we know Jesus said that he would send God the Holy Spirit to be with us, but how does that happen in every day life? It starts happening when YOU start talking to God. If you wait until your prayers at night, then don't be surprised if you can't recognise when God talks to you. If you wait until the pastor prays on Sunday then how would you recognise Gods voice? Starting speaking to God all day. As you enter your lessons ask him to help you. On the way to youth group ask him to give you wisdom. When you get up in the morning feeling grumpy, ask God to cheer you up and give you laughter. Hey, even the toilet could be a place to talk to God. The more you speak to God the more you will begin to recognise his voice as he speaks back.

**Pray:**

Lord I ask that you speak to me now and help me to speak to you all the time. Lord let me draw closer to you, and recognise you more in my life. Amen.

**Action:**

Hey I challenge you to speak to God every hour of tomorrow. From waking to sleeping, can you include God in all that you do? Go for it. Bye.